

YNNI A'R AMGYLCHEDD • ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

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1) Wylfa: Anglesey nuclear reactor plans move forward (11/4/13)

Nuclear regulators have signed an agreement marking the start of plans to build new reactors in north Wales.

The deal clears the way for Horizon Nuclear Power to submit initial proposals for a new power station at Wylfa on Anglesey.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-north-west-wales-22104340>

2) Anglesey-Japan link to be celebrated (12/4/13)

WELSH Secretary David Jones MP will be hosting a business delegation to celebrate Hitachi's future involvement on Anglesey today.

A delegation from the Japanese energy giants, who have won the bid to build a reactor at the Wylfa B site, have been invited to a reception aboard Royal Navy frigate, the HMS St Albans, which is docked in Holyhead.

Darllen mwy/Read more

<http://www.northwaleschronicle.co.uk/local/121677/anglesey-japan-link-to-be-celebrated.aspx>

3) Green Bank invests £57m in wind farm (25/3/13)

The Green Investment Bank (GIB) has announced its first direct equity investment worth almost £60m.

The bank, set up by the government to back energy projects, has taken a 24.95 per cent stake in Rhyl Flats Wind Farm from companies owned by RWE AG for £57.5m. It said the "landmark transaction" represented a significant step for GIB in supporting one of its core sectors, offshore wind.

Darllen mwy/Read more http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/north-west/87196-?utm_source=northwest_newsletter&utm_medium=deals_article&utm_campaign=northwest_news_tracker

4) No reason small businesses can't be involved in £10bn Anglesey project (13/4/13)

THE Secretary of State for Wales says there is "no reason" that small local businesses should not become involved in the £10 billion project to build a new nuclear power station on Anglesey.

David Jones MP, First Minister Carwyn Jones and Anglesey MP Albert Owen met with local businesses and representatives of Hitachi on board the Royal Navy frigate HMS St Albans at Holyhead to mark the Japanese company's investment in the project.

Mr Jones said the new plant, which he hopes will be commissioned in 10 years, would bring significant benefits to the island.

"I'm very anxious that companies in North Wales should be part of the supply chain," he said.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2013/04/13/no-reason-small-businesses-can-t-be-involved-in-10bn-anglesey-project-55578-33166623/>

5) Government reject gas storage plan (17/4/13)

PROJECT to create 60 jobs by piping liquid gas from Anglesey to England is in jeopardy after the UK Government rejected the gas storage plan.

Halite Energy Group planned to unload Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from sea tankers at Amlwch and pipe it under the sea to a £660m storage facility in Preesall, Lancashire.

But the Department for Energy and Climate change has snubbed the storage facility saying the application had "failed to demonstrate the suitability of the site's geology".

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/04/17/government-reject-gas-storage-plan-55578-33185458/>

ADVANCE MATERIALS & MANUFACTURING

1) Conwy housing association an 'agent of regeneration' (10/4/13)

A HOUSING association that created 320 jobs during a £30m homes improvement programme has been hailed as a "major agent of community regeneration".

Cartrefi Conwy has completed their housing improvement programme on thousands of former council properties - creating 300 training opportunities in the process.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/04/10/conwy-housing-association-an-agent-of-regeneration-55578-33146081/>



2) JCB invests £8m in manufacturing plants (21/3/13)

JCB has embarked on an £8m investment programme at its North Wales and Midlands manufacturing plants as the company gears up for future growth in global markets.

The money is being spent at the manufacturer's Wrexham and Staffordshire plants on machine tools in a bid to enhance component quality and production efficiency.

Darllen mwy/Read more http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/87024-?utm_source=westmidlands_newsletter&utm_medium=manufacturing_article&utm_campaign=westmidlands_news_tracker

3) New jobs take off at ex-airfield (27/3/13)

BUSINESS Minister Edwina Hart heard first hand how the new owners of a North Wales airfield are already creating opportunities for the region's economy.

To date eight businesses have moved on site at Llanbedr Airfield near Harlech employing more than 30 people between them and Llanbedr Airfield Estates say they are in talks with other potential customers

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/03/27/new-jobs-take-off-at-ex-airfield-55578-33066209/>

4) €300m European loan for Airbus parent (19/3/13)

EADS, the owner of Airbus, has signed an agreement for a €300m (£257.7m) finance contract with the European Investment Bank (EIB) to support its innovation and R&D programmes.

The loan is the second tranche of a deal signed in August 2011 where the EIB made €500m (£427.8m) available to EADS.

EADS will use the funding to develop projects aimed at reducing the impact of aviation on the environment.

Darllen mwy/Read more http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/north-west/86838-?utm_source=northwest_newsletter&utm_medium=manufacturing_article&utm_campaign=northwest_news_tracker



5) Anglesey home improvements firm in major solar deal (27/3/13)

A HOME improvements firm is planning to recruit more staff after clinching a prestigious new deal.

Peninsula signed an agreement with Solarlux, the top German manufacturer of glass houses, sliding folding doors and high spec 'Wintergarden' conservatories who helped transform the famous Yankee Stadium in New York.

A 100% customer satisfaction rating helped seal the deal for Peninsula, based in Gaerwen on Anglesey.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/03/27/anglesey-home-improvements-firm-in-major-solar-deal-55578-33066211/>

GWASANAETHAU ARIANNOL A PHROFFESIYNOL ● FINANCIAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1) Tiny proportion of £187m budget spent on training in Welsh Language (11/4/13)

JUST a tiny proportion of the annual £187m budget for adult workplace learning and apprenticeships was spent on training through the Welsh language.

The Welsh Government yesterday acknowledged a 'low take up' of Welsh-medium or bilingual training in the workplace, pledging to seek to increase provision.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2013/04/11/tiny-proportion-of-187m-budget-spent-on-training-in-welsh-language-55578-33155146/>

DIWYDIANNAU CREADIGOL ● CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

1) Ymchwilio i gemau app "am ddim" (12/4/13)

Mae'r Swyddfa Masnachu Teg yn ymchwilio i gwynion fod plant yn medru mynd i gostau sylweddol wrth chwarae gemau app sy'n cael eu marchnata fel rhai "am ddim".

Tra mae lefelau cychwynol rhai o'r gemau app yma am ddim, mae'n rhaid talu i gael mynediad i lefelau uwch neu i dderbyn cynnwys ychwanegol.



Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.golwg360.com/newyddion/arian-a-busnes/105916-ymchwilio-i-gemau-app-am-ddim>

GWYDDORAU BYWYD • LIFE SCIENCES

1) Sales drop at Siemens health business (12/3/13)

Sales dropped by 15 per cent at Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics Products, based in Llanberis, as customers ran down their stock.

The company, owned by German group Siemens, said turnover and pre-tax profit fell because of "reduced demand following inventory reduction by customers".

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/86392-turnover-falls-siemens-business>

TECHNOLEG GWYBODAETH A CHYFATHREBU (TGCH) • INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (ICT)

1) Bangor IT firm creates 17 new jobs (5/4/13)

An IT company has boosted turnover by £3m and created 17 new jobs after Welsh Government backing.

Bangor-based IT business Gaia Technologies was awarded a £120,000 grant from the Economic Growth Fund in April 2012.

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/04/05/bangor-it-firm-creates-17-new-jobs-55578-33118972/>

GWEITHGAREDDAU AWYR AGORED CYNALIADWY, TWRISTIAETH AC AMAETHYDDIAETH • SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, TOURISM & AGRICULTURE

1) Welsh Country Foods meat plant workers finish last shift (12/4/13)

Around 310 workers at an Anglesey meat plant have finished their last shift after efforts to find a buyer failed.



Dutch firm Vion gave redundancy notices to the entire workforce at Welsh Country Foods at Gaerwen on Thursday.

The company said it had tried everything to avoid closure but it had been unable to identify any viable alternative

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-north-west-wales-22127599>

2) Deal to save 310 jobs on Anglesey could still be done (17/4/13)

A DEAL to re-open an abattoir and save 310 jobs for the region could still be done.

AMs say they have not given up on finding a buyer for the Welsh Country Foods plant which shut last week after it lost a major Asda contract.

Natural resources and food minister Alun Davies AM said ministers are focussed on saving jobs and operations at the site, in Gaerwen, Anglesey.

He said a rescue package offered to Dutch parent company Vion remained on the table for any new buyer.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2013/04/17/deal-to-save-310-jobs-on-anglesey-could-still-be-done-55578-33187390/>

3) Atyniadau newydd 'yn hwb i'r economi' (28/3/13)

Mae nifer o atyniadau hamdden newydd wedi agor eu drysau am y tro cyntaf yn barod ar gyfer y Pasg.

Mae'r atyniadau, sy'n cael eu hariannu gan Lywodraeth Cymru, yn cael eu disgrifio gan Lywodraeth Cymru fel rhai "llawn adrenalín, gweithgareddau hwyliog ar gyfer y teulu a thrysorau cudd".

Mae Zip World, y wifren zip fwyaf yn Hemisffer y Gogledd, wedi agor i gyd-fynd â dechrau'r tymor gwyliau.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.golwg360.com/newyddion/arian-a-busnes/104666-atyniadau-newydd-yn-hwb-i-r-economi>

4) Lansio cylchlythyr newydd i ffermwyr gogledd Cymru (13/4/13)

Mae cylchlythyr newydd wedi ei lansio i gynghori ffermwyr gogledd Cymru ar faterion yn ymwneud â lles anifeiliaid.



Mae'n cynnwys gwybodaeth ar bynciau fel cofnodion gwaredu cyrff anifeiliaid, rheolau adnabod ceffylau, adrodd symudiadau moch, rheolau profion TB – yn ogystal â manylion cyswllt defnyddiol ar gyfer y chwe sir.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.golwg360.com/newyddion/cymru/105998-lansio-cylchlythyr-newydd-i-ffermwyr-gogledd-cymru>

5) More help to Welsh farmers in snow aftermath (17/4/13)

MORE help was offered yesterday to farmers in North Wales to cope with the aftermath of heavy snowfalls which devastated stock.

Natural resources minister Alun Davies announced a new package of support, including bringing forward the payment of the CAP subsidies to mid October to ease pressure on cash flow on farms.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/2013/04/17/more-help-to-welsh-farmers-in-snow-aftermath-55578-33187391/>

6) Internet giant's digital mapping grand plan in North Wales (3/4/13)

Internet giant Google will be digitally mapping tourist hotspots in North Wales with the same advanced technology they used in the iconic Grand Canyon.

The news was revealed at the third annual Outdoor North Wales Forum organised by Tourism Partnership North Wales to highlight new developments in the outdoor sector, including a major new marketing campaign.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://northwalesextra.com/internet-giants-digital-mapping-grand-plan-in-north-wales/>

7) Amlwch Copper Bins recognised in prestigious awards (2/4/13)

The new heritage visitor centre in Amlwch which tells the story of how Anglesey was once the world's leading copper producer, was today congratulated for being shortlisted for a prestigious heritage award.

Darllen mwy/Read more

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/cultureandsport/2013/7247833/?lang=en>

8) Natural Resources Wales gains full legal powers (25/3/13)

Natural Resources Wales, the new body that will manage, maintain, and enhance Wales' natural environment has now been granted the full range of legal powers it needs to operate.



Darllen mwy/Read more

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/environmentandcountryside/2013/7226535/?lang=en>

DIDORDEB CYFFREDINOL • GENERAL INTEREST

1) Showcase Wales to the world say business group (10/4/13)

A SLUMP in exports has led to demands for a new global strategy to showcase Wales to the world.

Sales to the EU plummeted £788 million (13.8%) in 2012 while trade to the rest of the globe was down £586 million (7.5%) - the worst figures for any region in the UK.

Now a Welsh international business body has called on the Welsh Government to develop a new foreign trade strategy to concentrate on increasing the number of companies that trade on a global level.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/04/10/showcase-wales-to-the-world-say-business-group-55578-33146532/>

2) Timpson plans North Wales expansion (10/4/13)

COBBLER and key-cutter Timpson plans to expand in North Wales – opening a further six branches over the year.

The family-owned chain has unveiled it wants to increase its out-of-town presence in towns across the region although gave assurances this would not affect its high street branches.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/04/10/timpson-plans-north-wales-expansion-55578-33146210/>

3) Transport infrastructure threatening to de-rail North Wales economic recovery (3/4/13)

AN OVER-stretched transport infrastructure threatens to de-rail the economic recovery in North Wales, warn business leaders.

The Welsh and UK Governments have been told by the manufacturing organisation EEF that the road network, 'the backbone of the economy', has been neglected.

They were supported by the Federation of Small Businesses(FSB) and the Chamber of Commerce with a warning the region's roads were struggling to cope.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/04/03/transport-infrastructure-threatening-to-de-rail-north-wales-economic-recovery-55578-33108547/>



4) Welsh private sector output rises (15/4/13)

Business activity for Welsh businesses increased in March for the eighth successive period, according to a new report.

The headline Lloyds TSB Wales Business Activity Index, a seasonally adjusted index that measures the combined output of the country's manufacturing and service sectors, posted 53.7 in March.

This is up from 52.8 in February and has been mainly driven by manufacturing companies.

Darllen mwy/Read more <https://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/88359-welsh-private-sector-output-rises>

5) Welsh Secretary David Jones says 'get on' with economic developments (17/4/13)

WELSH Secretary David Jones said red tape and regulation can't hold up sensible development and that Wales had to "get on with" creating jobs.

Speaking after the devastating jobs blow on Anglesey last week when 350 abattoir workers were made redundant he warned Wales can't stand still while the rest of the planet was developing and creating jobs.

He warned that the planning process had to be streamlined, especially in enterprise zones, or there was a risk firms would instead flock to English zones where this was being done.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business-news/business-news/2013/04/17/welsh-secretary-david-jones-says-get-on-with-economic-developments-55578-33185457/>

6) Unemployment in Wales falls by 3,000 - but unions call for Government to change course on economy (17/4/13)

Jobless figures come as new report claims 450 council and police jobs lost every day in UK since coalition came to power. Unemployment in Wales fell by 3,000 to 120,000 in the three months to the end of February.

The small drop comes after a small rise last month, as the number of people out of work in Wales continues to stagnate

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/unemployment-wales-falls-3000-2727456>

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